

Driver shot dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Criminals shot dead the driver of a rental motorcycle and injured its two riders at Nababpur Chaltatala on Khulna-Mongla highway in Bagerhat Sadar upazila on Friday night.

The deceased, Hasan, 35, was the son of Jahangir of Bagmara village under Rupsha upazila of Bagerhat.

"The three people were going to Khulna on a rental motorcycle when miscreants shot them in Nababpur area. Driver Hassan died on the spot. Locals heard the sound of four bullets," said Bagerhat Model Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mahtab Uddin.

"The injured, Pradip Saha and Rafiq were rushed to Khulna Medical College Hospital for treatment. Hassan's body was sent to Bagerhat Sadar Hospital for autopsy," he said.

GANG-RAPE OF SCHOOLGIRL Main accused still at large

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The prime accused in the case for gang-rape of a schoolgirl on September 14 in Trishal upazila is yet to be arrested.

Victim's elder sister Sabina Yeasmin Suma lodged a complaint with Trishal Police Station on September 15, accusing five youths and naming Sumon Mia, 20, son of Babul Mia of Naudhar area in Trishal municipality, as prime accused.

Sabina told journalists at Mymensingh Press Club yesterday that Sumon, who is in hiding, has been threatening her family over mobile phone.

Quoting the case statement, Trishal Police Station OC Md Azizur Rahman said the 12-year-old girl was going on a CNG-run auto-rickshaw on September 14 evening to Bhaluka upazila headquarters where her father runs a mattress shop.

"Five youths, who got on the vehicle posing as passengers, gagged her with a towel and took her to a nearby jungle. They raped her repeatedly and left her on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway near Nishinda Bazar early the next day," the OC said.

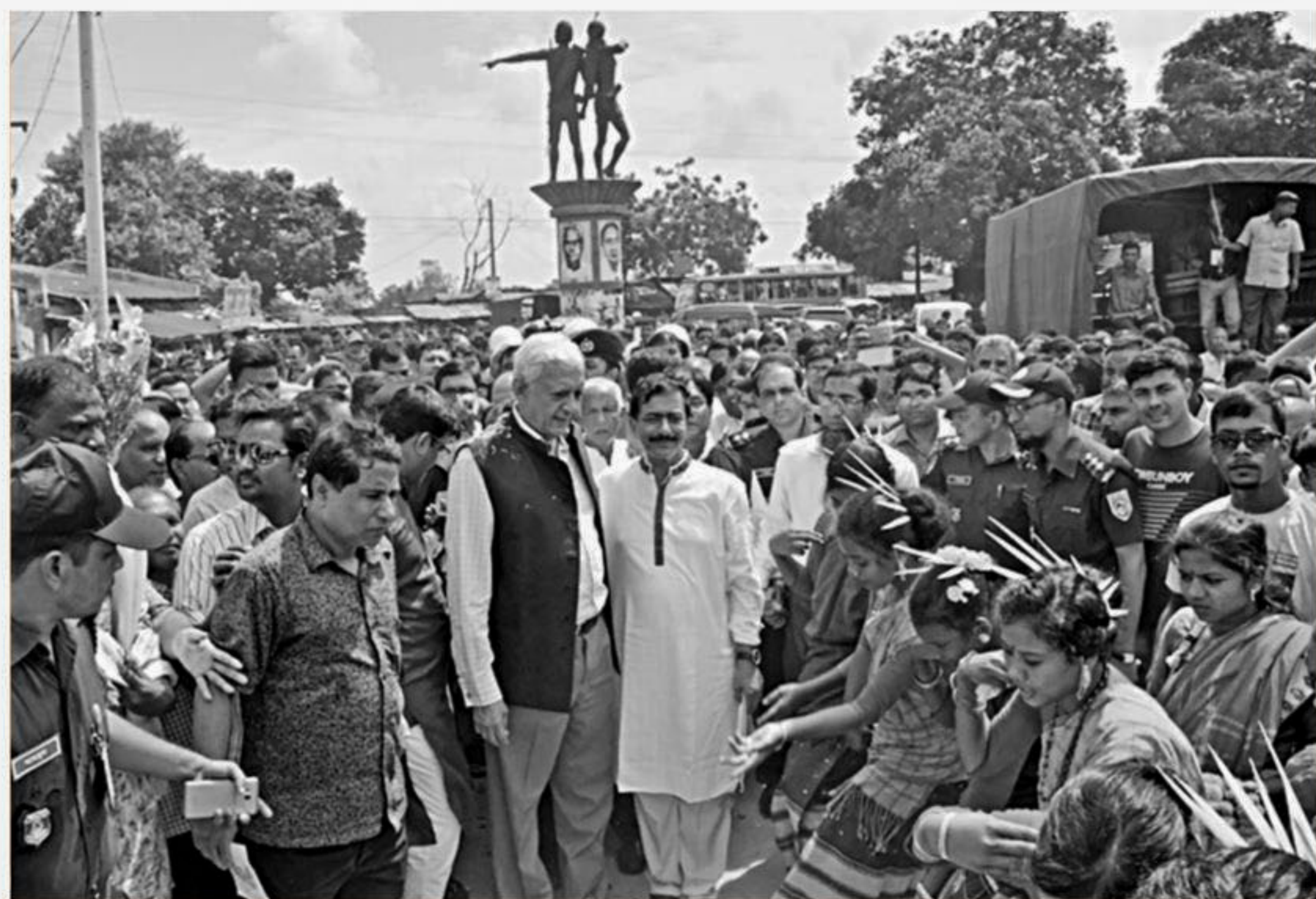
Locals took the girl to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital where she is undergoing treatment, he said.

Police arrested auto-rickshaw driver Selim Mia, 30, on September 15 in this regard and drives are on to arrest all the accused, he added.



This 32-metre-long iron-frame concrete bridge, constructed about 20 years ago over Kachuakathi canal in Pirojpur's Kawkhali upazila, collapsed on Friday due to strong current, snapping road communication between Kachuakathi village and the upazila headquarters.

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Gowher Rizvi watches the traditional cultural programme of the indigenous people after inaugurating the Santal Movement monument near the historic Kantajew temple in Kaharol upazila of Dinajpur yesterday.

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Monument on Santal movements

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) is not possible if some sections of the people, including the ethnic minority communities, lag behind, said Dr Gowher Rizvi, international affairs adviser to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

He was addressing as chief guest at a rally after unveiling a sculpture commemorating the Santal Revolution and Tevaga Movement near the historic Kantajew temple in Kaharol upazila of Dinajpur yesterday.

Santal community played significant roles in different movements like the Santal Revolution during the British colonial rule, Tevaga Movement as well as the 1971 Liberation War. But we could not do much for their advancement," he said.

"It is a sorrow that the demands of the ethnic communities including the Santals have not been fully realised. I will talk with the prime minister about forming of separate land commission for the ethnic minorities living on plain lands,"

Dr Gowher Rizvi said.

He also pledged to set up an export processing zone in Kaharol upazila.

Describing various development programmes of the government, Rizvi said the upcoming election is an opportunity for the nation to re-elect the present government for continuous development in the country.

Addressing the rally, Rabindranath Soren, president of Jatiya Adivasi Parishad (JAP), said the people of his community bravely fought during the Liberation War, often with their traditional bows and arrows, but they are still lagging behind in various sectors.

"We suddenly learnt that the people indigenous communities in the country have got much advancement," he said, referring to the proposal for scrapping quota in government jobs.

He urged the government to keep job quota for the much backward indigenous communities.

Monoranjan Shill Gopal, lawmaker from Dinajpur-1,

Nazmul Haque Prodhan, lawmaker from Panchagarh-1, Ushatan Talukdar, lawmaker from Rangamati, Prof Dr Mesbah Kamal of Dhaka University, Nurul Islam, additional secretary of Home Ministry, Shishir Shill, secretary general of all party parliamentary group, Dr Abu Nayeem Muhammad Abdus Sabur, deputy commissioner of Dinajpur, and Syed Abu Sayeem, superintendent of police, addressed the rally chaired by Azizul Islam Chowdhury, chairman of Dinajpur Zila Parishad.

Prodyot Das is the sculptor of the monument commemorating the Santal Revolution and Tevaga Movement. Large portraits of Ila Mitra, Hajee Mohammad Danesh, Gurudash Talukdar and Khoka Baish are also set there.

Clad in their traditional clothes, indigenous people from different districts joined the programme.

44 illegal structures demolished

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A mobile court in a drive removed 44 illegal structures on government land in Chatmohar municipality area yesterday.

Chatmohar Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Sarkar Ashim Kumar led the court.

They conducted the drive in Chatmohar Tahanar More, Puratan Bazar, Dakbanglo area, Hospital road and vegetable market area of the upazila headquarters, said the UNO.

On September 12, upazila law and order committee at a meeting identified 44 illegal structures and recommended removal of all the structures from government land, he said.

They issued a seven-day notice to the illegal occupiers to remove the structures but they did not comply with the order, said the UNO.

LAND DISPUTE

Widow's house torched

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Criminals torched the house of an elderly widow in Aditmari upazila on Friday allegedly due to a dispute over the ownership of the land where the house was erected.

Salma Bewa, 58, wife of late Ismail Hossain of Balapara village under Mahishkhocha union, a victim of river erosion, had been living in the tin-shed room erected on her brother-in-law Isahak Ali's land about a month ago.

Salma alleged that one Abdul Malek, son of Abdus Salam, and his men torched her house when she was not at there on Friday morning.

"I took shelter on my brother-in-law Isahak Ali's land after my house was devoured by the Teesta river," Salma said.

Salma and her husband received a house at a Guchchhagram along Teesta river basin Char Arazi village a few years ago.

Salma's husband died a year ago while the house was eroded by the Teesta about two months ago.

Isahak said although he is the legal owner of the land, Malek and his men torched the house in broad daylight and villagers witnessed that.

Malek, however, refuted the allegation and said Isahak and his men made the plot in a bid to implicate him in a false case.

OC of Aditmari Police Station Masud Rana said he heard about the incident but none had lodged any complain yet.

33 fishermen missing in Bay

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

At least 33 fishermen remained missing in the Bay of Bengal near the coast of Kuakata after four fishing trawlers capsized on Thursday.

The trawlers include FB Delwar Mollah, FB Hawlader and FB Habib Khalifa.

On Thursday afternoon, the trawlers carrying 38 fishermen capsized in the Bay due to rough weather, said Ansar Uddin Mollah, president of Fish Traders' Association at Alipur, a fish landing station in Kalapara upazila.

Five of the fishermen managed to return ashore on Friday noon, said Ansar Uddin, also chairman of Latachaplee Union Parishad. The returnees are Babul Fakir, Mojibur, Nantu, Jakir and Soheli of different areas in Kalapara upazila.

Three girls return from Indian jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Three teenage girls returned home through Benapole check post on Friday after serving two and half years in an Indian jail.

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) handed over them to Bangladesh Immigration police.

The returnees hail from different areas of Khulna and Narail. The girls were trafficked to India three years ago.

Officer-in-Charge Tariqul Islam of Benapole check post immigration police said Indian police arrested the girls from Kolkata town for entering the country without necessary documents.

They were later produced before an Indian court that sent them to jail, the OC said.



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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Individual Technical Consultant (Transport) (DTCA-S2)

1. Introduction

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a grant as a Technical Assistance from Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of the Dhaka Metro Preparatory Technical Assistance Project to be implemented by the Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA) in coordination with other government entities. The project includes work on pre-feasibility study to prepare a priority metro project in greater Dhaka area.

2. Scope of Tasks/Service

Under the project implementation agency at Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority will be required for a position of Junior Technical Consultant to assist the project director and project manager projects related technical tasks. It will provide an opportunity for wide contact with Dhaka's transport issues.

The selected individual will:

- Assist the Project Director and Project Managers, and technical support, technical analysis, mapping, data collection and presentation, report production and related activities to DTCA.
- Provide administrative support for maintaining the projects schedule and necessary reports preparation, arranging meetings, translating from Bangla to English, and providing logistical and general office support.
- Attend selected meetings and take notes or assist with presentations.
- Provide such support to Project Director as well as other DTCA staff as may from time to time be required.

3. Qualifications

The selected individual must:

- Have at least bachelor degree in Engineering/Urban Planning (with major in transport) or Masters in Transport Planning/Engineering having two years of relevant experience.
- Have an understanding of principal urban transport issues, particularly public transport and road traffic management issues, in Dhaka and be prepared to work with independence to conduct research.
- Have advanced abilities to obtain and display geographical and other data with high presentation standards.
- Have strong skills of personal organization and administrative abilities.
- Have high standards of spoken and written English.

4. The Project Director now invites eligible applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Applicants are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (complete CV with other details as required as per the Application Forms).

5. Interested Applicants are required to submit their expressions of interest in accordance with the Application Forms and may obtain the Request for Application document from the office of the undersigned during normal office hours or may obtain through email on request.

6. The consultants will be selected using the selection of individual Consultants in accordance with PPR 2008.

7. The consultancy service will be for 8 man-months and it is expected that the service will commence in October 2018 at Dhaka, Bangladesh.

8. Expressions of Interest (EOI) shall be submitted by 08/10/2018 in sealed envelope sent to the Project Director and clearly marked Expression of Interest for Individual Technical Consultant (Transport).

9. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.

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UP member arrested for vandalising Hindu idols

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police arrested a union parishad (UP) member in Gopalpur upazila on charge of vandalising idols of a Hindu temple on Friday night.

"The arrestee, Babul Hossain, a member of Mirzapur UP, vandalised idols, made for Durga Puja, at a temple in Nayapara area at night. Locals caught him red-handed and informed the police who brought him here," said Hasan Al Mamun, OC of Gopalpur Police Station.

"Sujon Chandra Das, president of the temple committee, lodged two cases, one for vandalising the idols and another for hurting religious sentiment, against Babul the same night," he added.



Followers of different pirs (spiritual leaders) bring out a boat procession in the Kaliganga river in Char Bewtha area of Manikganj Sadar upazila on Friday, marking the holy Ashura.

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